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a Cuban diplomat in Argentina was meeting regularly with a representative of the Leftist Revolutionary Movement (MIR), Patricio Biedma, in 1976. Prior to Biedma's arrest by Argentine security forces in August 1976, he received $75,000 from the Cuban official to help support MIR activities in Argentina.

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19. In Argentina, the Cubans used their diplomatic presence—at least until mid-1976—to maintain contact with several domestic terrorist groups as well as representatives of the Chilean MIR. According to several reports, the Cubans met regularly with representatives of the Argentine People's Army (ERP) and the Montoneros during 1974-76. 3.3(b)(1) the Cubans provided funds and propaganda guidance for newspapers published by the Revolutionary Worker's Party, the political arm of the ERP. As stated above, the Argentine security forces arrested Patricio Biedma, a representative of the Chilean MIR, in August 1976. Biedma reportedly revealed that in addition to the $75,000 given to him, the Cubans had also provided funds to the ERP and to the Montoneros. An ERP member arrested by Argentine security forces—also in August 1976—confirmed that Cuba had given financial assistance to his group.

20. The Cubans, however, may have reduced or suspended their contacts with Argentine subversives since mid-1976. The confessions of several arrested

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terrorists prompted a closer surveillance of Cuban embassy personnel by the Argentine security forces. In August 1976 two Cuban embassy employees were kidnaped and never found. the Cubans suspected that they were killed by rightist elements in the Argentine government. There have been no reports of Cuban involvement with Argentine revolutionaries since September 1976. The Argentine ambassador was assured recently by Carlos Rafael Rodriguez that Cuba is totally removed from "current" guerrilla and terrorist efforts in Argentina.

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